

**Date: September 2023**

**Wider Music Opportunities**  
**From September 2023**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to offer all students at The Valley School the opportunity to participate in individual or small group music/instrumental sessions. These will be in addition to the class Performing Arts lessons that are delivered as part of the curriculum.

These lessons will be led by Matthew Dear, James Day and Daniel Bird from the Hertfordshire Music Service and will be offered **free of charge**. Lessons are tailored to the interests and needs of our students as traditional instrumental lessons may not suit everyone. We take a therapeutic approach, allowing students to experiment and explore instruments and techniques which then build more specific musical skills.

The instruments currently offered during these lessons are:

Guitar/Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Piano/Keyboard, Singing, Flute, Drums, Song Writing. There are also 'Interactive Music Sessions' which may be more therapeutic and suit students who would like to explore a wide range of approaches.

Students who are currently participating have gained a huge amount from the experience and have recently performed both within school, at the Gordon Craig Theatre and at the Royal Albert Hall.

If you would like your child to receive lessons, please complete and return the attached form. Some students may wish to try out various instruments during their lessons so do not worry if they are not sure which to pick from the list. Students do not need to have their own instruments as we have instruments that can be used in these sessions.

Although there will be no charge to any pupil who wishes to participate, some students may fall within certain financial criteria and if this is the case you will be asked to complete a form enabling them to participate. We are happy to support with the completion of this.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or require further information.

Kind regards

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## Wider Musical Opportunities at The Valley School

Students' name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Preference** (Please tick a maximum of three)

- Guitar/Bass Guitar
- Ukulele
- Keyboard/Piano
- Singing
- Flute
- Drums
- Song Writing
- Interactive Music

Parent/carer's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_